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IRMA TIMES

Irma, Alberta, Canada, Friday, December 20th 1918

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ELECTION RETURNS

Monday's Election in the town of Irma was the closest ever held and although the vote was not large the competition was very keen. The returns showed that the votes were well divided in their selection of representatives. The returns are as they follow:-

H. W. Love	18 votes
P. J. Hardy	17 votes
Geo. Tripp	17 votes
W. B. Peterson	14 votes

Mr. R. J. Tate and A. A. Dickson having withdrawn since nomination night. The new council will have a busy time the coming year and all the members have requested that the ratepayers take as much interest in the meetings as they have in the election. It is by attending the Council meetings and placing suggestions before the meeting that more good can be accomplished by all interested concerning Irma.

G. CLARK IN LONDON

Mr J G Clark received a cable Wednesday stating that George had arrived in London safely after spending just a few days over in Germany as a prisoner of War. The machine in which Flight Sub Lieutenant J. G. Clark was flying in over the German territory was shot down on the 11th of December 1917 and George was taken prisoner having landed safely some distance behind the lines. Since then he has been in several prison camps in Germany and has had some very interesting experiences but on account of the very strict censorship very little word has come through from him. The last letter from him was written about a month before the Armistice was signed, from Holtz, Minden which is well into the interior of Germany and on account of this and the fact that so many prisoners were being tortured and starved many of his friends have been very uneasy as to his safety.

We presume a letter will soon arrive telling some of his experiences during the last days of confinement.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS

January 10th is nomination and election day for the school board. Every ratepayer in the district should be at the school at 2 p.m. and take an interest in the electing of trustees that will look after their interests and the interests of the children. Two trustees will be elected and these should be men willing to give some time and attention to the welfare of the district.

NEW E.C.D. MANAGER

On Monday Mr. S. J. Brown of Edmonton arrived in Irma to take charge of the Edmonton City Dairy cream station. Mr. Brown is a returned veteran having enlisted in the 143rd Batt. in 1916 and after serving over a year in France he was wounded and returned home last summer. Before enlisting he was two and a half years with the Edmonton City Dairy.

MEMORIAL HALL

On Monday last a fund was opened in Northern Alberta, the object of which is to raise enough money (\$300,000) to build a Great War Veterans' Memorial Hall on a site donated to the G. W. V. A. on McDougall drive, Edmonton, by the city council. The idea, which originated with the Veterans, was to build some memorial to their fallen comrades which would be lasting. As soon as they voiced their opinions on the subject a number of those who had been protected by the boys worked out the idea of a hall to be built in Edmonton which would honour those who have given their all and those who were spared to come back and for the latter would serve as a splendid resting place for those visiting the city and a centre of associations of days gone by. The plan at present is to provide a recreation hall, Billiard and game room, gym, swimming pool, reading and writing rooms, and a canteen. Bedrooms and bath will be made ready for transient veterans. An auditorium and stage for public concerts and mass meetings will be included in the building.

CUPID CALLED HIM

Last Friday night Mr. C. W. Holliday left for a trip to Baldwin City, Kansas. Mr. Holliday had intended taking this trip before but on account of the flu epidemic with which he was very busily engaged he had to postpone the trip.

He expects to be away till after the holiday season is over when we expect he will return with a bride.

Taken to Hospital in Edmonton.

Tuesday night Albert Hughes was taken to Edmonton apparently suffering from complications of the appendix. On account of Dr. McGregor being away it was thought better to send him to Edmonton.

A Sunny Clime This Winter Time.

Of the world's greatest resorts in all seasons, the Pacific Northwest is nearest at hand and affords every attraction to the citizen of this country with the means and time for winter travel. You may avoid the rigorous Canadian winter at a minimum of pleasure, by the Grand Trunk Pacific Route. Unsurpassed mountain scenery enroute through the Canadian Rockies and along the Skeena River, through Central British Columbia, coupled with a six hundred mile sea voyage down the inside channel from Prince Rupert to Vancouver and Victoria, completes a trip beyond compare. The steamers of the Grand Trunk Pacific Coast Steamship Company are the last word in luxury and service and are recognized as the finest and largest steamships in the North Pacific Coast passenger service. For pastime while on shipboard, all kinds of deck games and orchestra music are provided.

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G. T. P. Prepares For Increased Xmas Traffic To Eastern Canada

In order to provide the maximum of comfort to patrons of the line making their usual trip to Eastern Canada for the Xmas holidays, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will operate through tourist sleeping cars between Edmonton, Saskatoon and Toronto. The first car will leave Edmonton on Monday, December 16th, at 9 a.m. and each succeeding Wednesday, Friday and Monday up to and including Monday, December 30th. If you are planning a trip east, consult your nearest Grand Trunk Pacific agent for full particulars, rates, etc., or Mr. W. E. Duperow, General Passenger Agent, Winnipeg.

C. A. Bassett

Druggist, Irma, Alta.

takes this opportunity of thanking his many customers for their patronage during 1918, and hopes to be able to serve them during 1919

World's Woollen Markets Are Relatively Bare of Supplies

Readjustment to Peace Conditions Will be Effected Slowly, Say Textile Men, and Prices will Remain High for Some time

Prices of woollens will go higher before they go lower, according to the views of several of the most representative wholesale houses in Toronto. Manufacturers' agents for English firms have practically nothing to offer. The market is relatively bare of civilian goods, and the immense task of clothing the population of Belgium and Northern France will require many million yards of cloth. Already a contract has been placed for thirty million yards of cloth for Belgium and the French requirements are added if the French requirements are added the total is expected to reach quite one hundred million yards. Wholesale woollen houses who are in close touch with the situation in Great Britain and some of whom have received cable advice very recently from representatives who are now seeking British goods state that practically nothing is offered, and that for the scanty supply that is to be had prices are from 15 to 60 per cent higher than for the goods bought for the fall trade of 1918.

"When retailers are considering the sacrifice of their stocks, it would be well to inquire how and at what price they will be able to replace those goods," asserted one large clothing manufacturer of Toronto. "The odd lots of goods that will be secured for 1919 will be at prices substantially higher than was the case in 1918. Fancy goods are of very limited range. Prices will undoubtedly come down eventually, but this will certainly not occur during the next 12 or 18 months. It will require some time for the woollen mills of Great Britain to replace their worn-out machinery and turn over from military to civilian work. The immense quantity of khaki yarns and cloth on hand cannot be utilized for civilian purposes. It has been conclusively demonstrated that piece-dyeing of khaki cloth is very unsatisfactory. The mills will undoubtedly claim reimbursement for the khaki yarn and cloth left on their hands by the cancellation of orders by the government."

Refitting Soldiers for Civilian Life

The manufacture of standard cloth for the soldiers who will be returning to civilian life during the next few months will require the greater part of the output of English mills for some time, is the opinion of another wholesale clothing man. Four million yards were stated to be already available for this purpose. But since this would provide clothing for only one million men, it is quite apparent that more than millions of yards would be needed.

"Canadian woollen mills will afford

some relief to the situation in Canada from the clothing manufacturer's standpoint during the next six months but the imported goods will be scarce for the next year at least.

Estimates of some wholesalers placed the period of high prices at two years. Samples of new goods are not expected for six months at least and the delivery of goods from Great Britain in quantity would then be six months later, or perhaps longer. The task of re-clothing the belligerent nations will require the readjustment of the textile machinery of the world and the shipment of raw material from Australasia. Since wool prices are under government control for some time, and since transportation and labor costs cannot be reduced immediately, manufacturers will hardly able to sell their products cheaper.

Orders at Prices Still Not Fixed

At present wholesale woollen houses are able to purchase in limited quantities only. Large orders are still unfilled that have been booked for a period of between one and two years at prices that have still not been fixed. Some of these orders have been confirmed within the last two weeks at prices considerably higher than previous quotations. Since the mills will be obliged to complete delivery of these orders before entering on new contracts, the prices which they fix will largely govern the course of clothing values for the next twelve months.

It was stated in a number of quarters that goods have been sold for the fall trade of 1918 at prices that are even lower than those which the wholesalers will have to pay to replace them, according to the 1919 scale of prices.

One man who has investigated conditions in the woollen and general dry goods trade in Canada and the United States during the last two weeks stated that the market was practically bare of supplies, and that prices were from 15 to 50 per cent higher for next year than they had been. He asserted that representatives of English houses were in New York looking for goods, particularly hosiery. It was found in some cases that current trade has slackened, on account of the lack of confidence on the part of retailers. There have been surprisingly few cancellations of orders. The moral obligation to keep things going, and to maintain stable conditions, was given expression to by one business man, who laid emphasis on the fact that readjustment to the changed conditions could be effected best if manufacturers, wholesalers, jobbers and retailers "kept their heads."—Toronto Globe, Dec. 3rd.

The Real Spirit of Christmas

There is an old couplet oft repeated by old and young at Christmas time which says:-

"Christmas comes but once a year,
And when it comes it brings good cheer."

We are nearing Christmas this year with the idea that it should be an "Old-Fashioned" Christmas more prominent than it has been for some years past.

The last three in particular have come and gone with little festivity and celebration outside the family circle. Hanging over every home there has been a cloud which seemed to obscure the light which would make Christmas glad. Now the cloud has lifted and we are once more launching out on the good old Christmas we used to have. Let's try and forget for the time being that there has been a cloud or better try set ourselves out to enjoy this Xmas as those who have just come through the dark days into the light marvel at the joy of life.

It is a good thing to keep Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual. It reminds man to set his own little watch with the great of humanity which runs on sun-time. Let us remember that there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day and that is the keeping of Christmas. Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world for living with you, to put your rights in the background and your duties in the middle, to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and make them the reason for your wanting to live,—are you willing to do these things for a day? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you can keep it one day you have possibility right within you of a Christmas all the year round. When you are celebrating this Christmas try to think how we got our Christmas and read this little prayer of devotion and thankfulness to him who made it possible:-

"Father of all men, look upon our family.
Kneeling together before Thee,
And grant us a true Christmas.
With loving heart we bless Thee:
For the gift of Thy Son Jesus Christ,
For the peace He brings to human homes,
For the good-will He teaches to sinful men,
For the glory of Thy goodness shining in His face.

In this attitude of heart and mind it will not be necessary for us to say "A Merry Christmas" for it will be yours. Nevertheless we say it for the sake of customs and The Times here wishes its readers

A Merry Christmas and may it be the best yet

Notice.

Municipal District of Buffalo Coulee No. 453. All ratepayers in this district that require assistance from the Council respecting seed grain 1919 must make application through their Councillors or to the Secy. Treas. before January 10th, 1919 otherwise no applications can be entertained, by order.

A. Curtis,
Secy. Treas. Saltaux

Mr. E. Kimball has received a shipment of Xmas trees.

U. F. W. A.

The annual general meeting will be held in the Co-op hall on Saturday, Dec. 28th, at 2.30 p.m. when the election of officers for the year 1919 will take place. All members make a special effort to attend.

Mrs. F. W. Watkinson,
Secy-Treas.

Notice.

A meeting of the farmers of the Irma district will be held in the Co-op hall on December 21st with the object of forming a seed growers association. All are invited to attend

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express my thanks to our friends and neighbors for the sympathy and help shown us in our sad bereavement during the sickness and death of Mr. O. F. Anderson.

Mrs. F. Anderson.

Sunday Services.

Christmas services will be held at Orindale at 1 p.m. Elliott's at 3.30 3.30 p.m. Irma at 7.30 p.m. Everybody is invited to attend.

C. Hockin, Pastor

A Merry Xmas and Prosperous and Happy New Year to All



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MONEY ORDERS

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Farm Land Sales Reflect Prosperity

The activity in the farm lands business in Western Canada continues throughout the country, thus showing that the less than average crop returns of the past season have not affected the demand. A report from Regina, Saskatchewan, indicates that during the last two weeks thousands of acres of farm lands, mostly in blocks of 320, 480 and 800 acres, have been taken up by land-seekers who have paid prices ranging from \$45 to \$65 an acre. One section of land, 640 acres, was sold for \$49,000, which is over \$75 an acre.

The Real Liver Pill—A torpid liver means a disordered system, mental depression, lassitude and in the end, if care be not taken, a chronic state of debility. The very best medicine to arouse the liver to healthy action is Farnes's Vegetable Pills. They are compounded of purely vegetable substances of careful selection and no other pills have their fine qualities. They do not gripe, cause pain and they are agreeable to the most sensitive stomach.

British Re-establish Order

Riots in Cologne Had Caused Keen Anxiety

Cologne. — Order has been re-established in Cologne as the result of the arrival of an advance guard of British troops. There had been several days of the keenest anxiety in the city, caused by extensive riots and pillaging on the part of the mobs of the lower classes with attendant bloodshed when the turbulent element clashed with hastily organized guards of responsible citizens armed with rifles and machine guns.

The disorders began on the withdrawal of the German troops from the city. They continued the next night in various quarters in a large scale.

Much damage was done to property a large quantity of goods as stolen from the stores.

Woman's hand in connection with her slipper has played a very important part in the work of civilization.



The Truth is sometimes painful. For instance when the doctor says one must give up the dearly loved cup of tea or coffee.

Happiness follows however when one finds out how delicious and health making is the pure cereal drink.

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ARABS FEEL SECURE

Want British Troops to Remain in Bagdad

London. — In a despatch describing the transformation effected by the British, of Basra, Kut-el-Amara, Bagdad and Mosul; by the construction of wharves, the introduction of sanitation, etc., tramways and telephone systems, and, above all, by a just administration; the representative of the British press with the forces in Mesopotamia says:

"Prosperity abounds and the people are settling down to a life of security and peace, but they are anxiously regarding the future of the state."

"Arab opinion is all in favor of British help. Most of the intelligent Arabs recognize the necessity of having a British adviser to assist them in the administration of their country, particularly with respect to foreign relations, while in view of the many semi-civilized, turbulent and well-armed tribes, the British army is considered essential to the maintenance of order."

Speaks for People

Czecho-Slovak Leader Says They Desire Peace

Prague. — "There are people who believe the world must come to an end because the Austrian and German empires no more exist, but I know we will all be happier," said Dr. Karl Kramarz, premier of Czecho-Slovakia, a representative of the Associated Press.

Dr. Kramarz for many years fought for the rights of the Czech people. He was arrested at Prague in July 1, 1915, and following his trial at Vienna was sentenced to death. King Alfonso of Spain appealed in his behalf and the death sentence was commuted to fifteen years imprisonment. Dr. Kramarz was released under Emperor Charles' amnesty proclaimed on July 14, 1917.

"I have always believed in the new life of peoples," Dr. Kramarz continued. "Our sole ambition is to live peacefully and prosperously and to become a strong friend of the entente against the Germans. It is probable Germany will remain a menace, since it is impossible to destroy such a strong nationality. As for our political future, we do not see a way to tie up with Austrians or Hungarians. It is certain that in future we will try to maintain a commercial relation with the Jugo-Slavs and the Rumanians. Regarding the tariff it is certain we must maintain a protective wall against Germany or our industries will be ruined."

"We also desire to establish the frontiers of ancient Bohemia. It is only just that we have what was once ours. It was during the thirty years' war that the Germans ruined us, killing our people, colonized our territory; yet our race is so strong that we have lived through the centuries. However, we will be fairer with the Germans than they were with us. We will not oppress those within our frontiers. We will give them every liberty, but the government must be ours."

William Enjoys Holiday

Entrance to Castle Is Being Strictly Guarded

Amerongen. — Since his formal abdication, William Hohenzollern has shed his uniform and appears regularly in civilian clothing about his retreat here, as do the members of his suite. The entourage has been reduced in number to 18 for himself and the former emperor.

The family life of the erstwhile royal pair appears to flow as evenly as that of any middle-aged couple who might be enjoying a quiet country holiday. Their rooms on the first floor of the castle command a wide view of the landscape. They dine with their host, Count von Bentinck, by often joined at the meal by the count's brother, a noble residing in a neighboring castle, and spend much of their time together strolling through the castle grounds.

The quiet of the village here is occasionally startled by wild rumors of plots upon the former emperor's life, but the "suspicious" person found lurking about the castle" generally turned out to be a harmless newspaperman in search of copy.

Another rumor of which no confirmation can be had is that Herr Hohenzollern has bought a villa in the neighborhood.

The entrance to the castle is still strictly guarded.

Send Brazilians Home

Rio Janeiro. — The British admiralty has notified Brazil that there is no further need of Brazilian warships for patrolling European waters. The vessels, therefore, have been ordered home.

Some men convince themselves by trying to persuade others.

It is more blessed to give than to receive—also more expensive.

New Gas Field in Southern Alberta

A further supply of natural gas for Southern Alberta has been assured by the discovery of a new field about thirty miles east of Lethbridge. The first well opened in this field is capable of producing 4,000,000 cubic feet of gas every twenty-four hours. The greatest importance of this discovery is that it is a new field, quite distinct from those already in operation in Southern Alberta, supplying power, heat and light to most of the towns and cities in that part of the province.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CILLEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

A couple arrived one evening at a music-hall with a very young baby. "I'm sorry," said the manager, firmly, "but you can't take that baby into the hall."

"Why not, sir?" asked the astonished father.

"Well, it might cry; and create a general disturbance."

"No, it won't, sir," was the prompt reply. "Baby's used to going to entertainments, 'e is. Why, 'e was as good as gold at 'is granpa's funeral yesterday!"

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

Want Good Relations Restored

Maastricht, Holland. — The projected tour of the king and queen of Belgium to thank the people of Holland for their assistance to the Belgians in the course of the war has a political background. The real object of the visit is to restore the good relations between the two countries, which have been impaired by the Belgian and French newspapers.



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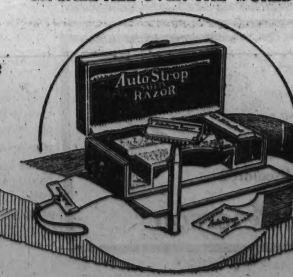
It does away with the bother and expense of continually putting in new blades. He can clean the razor without taking it apart—so the blades never rust. And he won't be running out of blades, because his outfit is complete for 500 shaves.

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ROYAL YEAST

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Subs. Should Be Scrapped

Hun Ensign Again

London. — Archibald S. Hurd, the naval writer in the Daily Telegraph, says, with reference to the idea said to be held by some Germans that the surrendered German warships would be returned to Germany after peace was signed, that it points, of course, to a complete misapprehension of the intentions of the allies "for it is certain that these ships will never again be the German ensign."

After discussing various proposals for the disposal of the German warships, Mr. Hurd says that the only course to adopt is to distribute them among the allies in accordance with the losses which each has suffered in maintaining command of the sea. German submarines, on the other hand, should cease to exist. Mr. Hurd suggests they be broken up and the parts used for other purposes.

Protect the child from the ravages of worms by using Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. It is a standard remedy, and years of use have enhanced its reputation.

Giant Cherry Tree

Planted when General U. S. Grant was a lieutenant stationed at Fort Vancouver, a cherry tree on the farm of Grant Farmer, on Ford's Prairie, Washington, is still bearing at the age of eighty-four years, says the American Forestry Magazine of Washington. It has a spread of sixty-five feet and its trunk measures ten feet eleven inches in circumference.

It sometimes happens that an innocent man pleads not guilty.

Signature Gives Him Away

Washington. — Some of the documents relating to the origin of the war found in the archives in Berlin contain marginal notes in the former Kaiser's own handwriting, according to advices received through official channels. The documents, the advices said, are to be published: as was announced by the Bavarian premier.

Many a man sits around and grows about having to support a wife who works eighteen hours a day trying to support him.

Persistent Asthma. A most distressing characteristic of this debilitating disease is the persistence with which recurring attacks come to sap away strength and leave the sufferer in a state of almost continual exhaustion. No wise precaution can be taken than that of keeping at hand a supply of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy, famous as the most potent remedy for eradicating the disease from the tender air passages.

Will Not Consider Invitation

Paris. — According to a wireless despatch from the U. S. steamer George Washington, President Wilson has been informed the Berlin government were about to make an effort to get him to visit Germany. The president is quoted as having made this reply:

"Only by long years of repentance can Germany atone for her crimes and show sincerity. No true American could think of visiting Germany unless forced to do so by strictly official obligations."

"That is to say, I decline in advance to consider any suggestion of the kind."

Suggestions for Early Xmas Shoppers ::::

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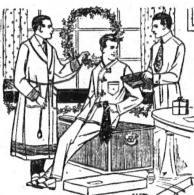
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HAY HAY HAY

We are still buying hay, loose or baled at the best market price

NOTE—We are not however buying any hay cut late or discolored

Wyatt & Peterson

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hardy have been spending a few days in Edmonton.

Mr. J. C. McFarland is improving and we hope will be back to business shortly.

Mr. J. H. Lamb was in Irma on Thursday considering appeals on Wild Land Taxes.

Ines Fenton and Sadie Linnen received their eighth grade diploma on Wednesday.

Mr. F. A. Borss returned Monday from her school at Standard which has been closed indefinitely on account of the flu.

The municipal elections will soon be on. Now is the time to get busy and see that good men are induced to seek the offices.

The Secretary of the Agricultural Society had issued the cheques for the prizes for the fall fair. Any one not receiving their cheque can get it by calling on Mr. Watkinson.

Mr. T. C. Hill left Tuesday for Calgary to attend the annual meeting of the United Grain Growers convention. This is the first annual meeting of the Consolidated company.

The entertainment in the church tonight will be one of the treats that no one ought to miss. Mrs. Waite is a splendid reader and the music promises to be of excellent quality.

Mr. D. Ambler left last Friday for a trip to the coast where he intends visiting two of his sisters living there.

C. H. McGee of Stettler, and a brother of Mrs. Fenton, bought six car loads of cattle in Irma district, shipping them to Chicago. Elden Fenton is charge of the lot, on their way east.

VIKING

Cadet Stewart Whalley of Kinsella who was with the Royal Air Force in Toronto has been discharged and arrived home last week.

The Masquerade Ball has been called off indefinitely, and the boys it is understood, have sworn off dancing. What will be done in the future regarding amusements for the young people is a mystery.

Word came to the News last week that Tun had been discharged and passed thru Winnipeg on his way to Kilmad, Minnesota to visit his parents for a few weeks before returning to Viking. Rudd Thunell, his brother is also at his old home.

Toney Mackey who held a sale at his farm some time ago has bought the Viking Livery Barn from L. R. Dayton and intends running an up-to-date livery business in town in the near future.

Mr. Jones, formerly of the Merchants here and who enlisted with the 202nd Sportmen's Batt., is visiting in town for a few days. Mr. Jones has seen considerable service having taken part in the big drive in the spring of 1917. He was wounded in the leg and has received his discharge.

SOLDIERS WHO SETTLE ON LAND

Since the signing of the armistice there has been circulated registration cards among the soldiers the object being to obtain a census of the number of men returning home in the near future who had positions waiting for them. It is very significant that over 100,000 members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force have expressed their definite wish to take up land after the war. This figure was obtained by interviewing 230,000 of the overseas forces and indicates that forty three per cent of the men want to farm. The soldiers also signified their intention to settle in the provinces as follows:

Ontario	25,400
Alberta	23,978
British Columbia	15,735
Saskatchewan	15,108
Manitoba	11,708
Nova Scotia	3,533
Quebec	3,330
New Brunswick	2,831
Prince Edward Island	816
Provinces not stated	4,518

It is interesting to note that of the 105,000 cards received 78,000 stated they had had previous agricultural experience.

The above statement, which is a synopsis of a report issued by the Canadian Official Records Office, Ottawa, ought to suggest to us the problems which are bound to arise in every community to a greater or lesser degree. Men who have been through the throes of war will, apart from any life lesson which they might have learned, be very susceptible to the community spirit. They are heroes all and let us not forget it. They have faced the grim odds time and time again, odds we hope they will never have to face again and we owe our freedom to them. It's up to us to give them the glad hand as they come back and are trying to get into civil life and be private citizens once more.

Don't let us drift into a form of turning out in crowds on the day our heroes return and forget that they are, individually, as well as we are nationally going through a period of transition and re-settlement for some considerable time after they get "back on the farm," and they need all the encouragement we can give them.

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11 a.m. Christmas Service, Melbrae.
11 a.m. S.S. at Jarrow.
7.30 p.m. Service at Jarrow.
Monday, Dec. 23rd.
Christmas Tree at Melbrae, at 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 24th.
Christmas Tree at Jarrow, at 8 p.m.
—M. D. Baily, (Pastor).

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